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RE: OU 7 Seep Collection and Treatment Proposed Action Memorandum

Dear Mr. Slaten:

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division (the Division) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have reviewed DOE's proposal to cancel the leachate collection Proposed Action Memorandum (PAM) for OU 7. For the reasons stated below, the Division as lead agency cannot approve this proposal. Therefore the PAM should be implemented.

A leachate collection system is required at the Present Landfill as a result of the resolution to the dispute on pond management and needs to be implemented separately from the anticipated "closure" IM/IRA. IM/IRA construction is currently scheduled to begin on June 10, 1997, but this schedule is threatened by potential delays including budget shortfalls and reprioritization. The approved PAM is the appropriate process to ensure the timely implementation of the leachate collection system which would be operational at least two years before closure of the landfill begins. We believe, based on the contaminant loading of the leachate, that treatment of the leachate until, and potentially continuing after, closure of the landfill is justified.

The Division and EPA are willing to consider modifications to the PAM which would reduce costs and/or make it more compatible with IM/IRA alternatives being considered. If these modifications or other considerations require adjustments to the schedule in Table 5-1 in the PAM document, please notify the agencies.

Please note that the treatment of the landfill leachate must meet state and/or other appropriate water quality standards, not risk-based levels as implied in a recent communication.



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If you have any questions regarding these matters, please contact Carl Spreng at 692-3358.

Sincerely,

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